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For: IMPROVED TEST SYSTEM FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENCE OF AN
ANTIBIOTIC IN A FLUID

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of October 19, 2007 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 1-3, Group I, directed to a test system with an indicator compound. This response is made without traverse.

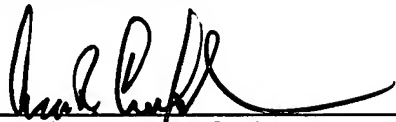
The specific indicator compound is bromothymol blue and the antibiotic is penicillin G. Claims 1-3 read on the elected species.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 8, 2005.

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